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SUBJ: JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION: DEVELOPMENT OF MASTER PLAN FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS

REF: A) STATE 254891; B) JIDDA 4541; C) STATE 153448

1. EMBASSY IS DELIGHTED TO SEE WASHINGTON MOVING TOWARD ACTIVE
INVOLVEMENT IN CONTRACT MANAGEMENT/CONSTRUCTION AREA. CURRENT
PROPOSAL IS VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH EMBASSY SUGGESTION IN REF. B.

2. EMBASSY HAS ONLY TWO RESERVATIONS:

A) STEP D INDICATES USG WILL RANK FIRMS AFTER EVALUATION OF
PROPOSALS, AND IMPLIES SAUDIS MUST CHOOSE TOP RANKED FIRM TO
NEGOTIATE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROCEDURE
BE FOLLOWED: FIVE (OR LESS OR MORE) "BEST" FIRMS BE SELECTED
AND LIST PRESENTED TO SAUDIS.

B) EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE USREP SHOULD SPEAK FOR COE.
ALTHOUGH COE INDEED OVERBURDENED ALREADY, CORPS
COMMANDING OFFICER IN RIYADH BELIEVES CONSTRUCTION FOR
VOCATIONAL TRAINING IS EXACTLY KIND OF PROJECT CORPS
SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO HANDLE. IT IS TOP PRIORITY FOR
SAUDI DEVELOPMENT DEEDS AND WOULD HAVE MAXIMUM POLITICAL
IMPACT IN U.S. CIRCLES, AS DEMONSTRATION THAT CORPS WORKS
ON CIVIC ACTION TYPE PROJECTS AS WELL AS MILITARY.

3. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY WITH MORGAN ON OCT. 27

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AND ABOVE REPRESENTS COUNTRY TEAM POSITION. MORGAN WILL

DELAY PRESENTATION TO SAUDIS PENDING WASHINGTON COMMENT.
UNDERSTAND FROM MORGAN THAT CHANGE IN MINLAB IS HOLDING
UP SIGNING OF PROJECT, NOT DELAY IN PRESENTING CONSTRUCTION
PACKAGE.
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